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SUBJECT: UNI ELECTS NEW LEADERSHIP

1. DECEMBER 25 ETHIOPIAN HERALD CARRIED ARTICLE STATING
DJIBOUTI'S NATIONAL UNION FOR INDEPENDENCE PARTY (UNI) ELECTED
NEW LEADERSHIP WITH FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL AHMED YOUSSEOUF
HOUMED AS NEW PARTY PRESIDENT. ELECTION REPORTEDLY HELD IN
EXTRAORDINARY SESSION AT CITE ARHIBA IN DJIBOUTI PROPER DECEMBER 22. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY UNI REPORTEDLY INDICATED CHANGES
REQUIRED IN VIEW "PRESSING POLITICAL SITUATION AND APPROACHING
INDEPENDENCE". COMMUNIQUE ALSO VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED MACHINATIONS OF COLONIAL POWER, CONDEMNED ACTS OF ARMED BANDITRY IN
TERRITORY, AND APPEALED TO ALL NATIONAALISTS TO STRENGTHEN
SOLIDARITY.

2. NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
A. PRESIDENT-- AHMED YOUSSEOUF HOUMED

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B. VICE-PRESIDENT--MOHAMED IBRAHIM MOHAMED
C. SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, PUBLIC RELATIONS
AND INFORMATION--MOHAMED IBRAHIM ROUFFA
D. SECRETARY GENERAL--ABUBE KERALI MOHAMED
E. ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL--MOHAMED ELMI ODAH
F. SECRETARY FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS--HELEM AHMED HOUMED

G. SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION, YOUTH AND SPORTS--CHEIKO AHMED
ABDELALH
H. SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS--GAAS IDRIS GAIS
I. SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AND TRADE AFFAIRS--AHMED TALEB
RAGUEH
J. SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS--ORBISSO GADITIO HASSAN
(FORMER MEMBER OF UNION DEMOCRATIQUE AFAR (UDA) UNDER ALI AREF,
FORMER MEMBER TERRITORIAL ASSEMBLY).
K. SECRETARY OF SOCIAL AND FAMILY AFFIARS--MOHAMMED ALI OMER
L. ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS--
ABDOULKADER ABDALLAHI.

3. EMBASSY BIO FILES FAILED PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON ANY-
ONE EXCEPT AHMED YOUSSEF HOUMED AND ORBISSO GADITIO HASSAN.
WHILE MOVE IS OBVIOUS PREPARATION FOR JANUARY PARIS CONFERENCE,
EMBASSY UNABLE EVALUATE AT THIS TIME SIGNIFICANCE IN LEADERSHIP
CHANGES. WOULD APPRECIATE MOGADISCIO'S COMMENTS.

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